

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment dated May 17, 2007 ("the notice"). This paper is timely filed.

As an initial matter, the undersigned attorney wishes to acknowledge the courtesies extended by the examiner during the telephonic interview of June 15, 2007, when the examiner and the undersigned discussed the contents of the notice.

The notice was issued because the status modifier for claim 5 was asserted to be incorrect.

In response, the applicants respectfully submit that the status modifier indication that claim 5 is withdrawn is correct. *See* the applicants' elections of R₁ and R₂ in the response to (restriction and election requirements) filed June 16, 2006.

Thus, claim 5 is properly withdrawn.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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